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RETAIL SALES BY STORE GROUP, 1984

Source: Sales & Maketing Management, 1985 Survey of Buying Power

METRO AREA County City	Total Retail Sales ($000)	Food ($000)	Eating & Drinking Places ($000)	General Mdse ($000)	Furniture/ Furnish / Appliance ($000)	Auto-motive ($000)	Drug ($000)
BILOXI - GULFPORT	**1,011,365**	**209,459**	**109,813**	**162,702**	**37,785**	**251,025**	**37,840**
Hancock	104,221	35,262	6,981	12,458	2,362	23,098	3,084
Harrison	907,144	174,197	102,832	150,244	35,423	227,927	34,756
* Biloxi	313,071	47,809	46,625	89,467	12,879	42,711	13,133
* Gulfport	417,919	77,253	42,718	38,689	20,294	143,705	15,892
SUBURBAN TOTAL	280,373	84,397	20,470	34,516	4,612	64,609	8,815
JACKSON	**2,068,624**	**415,789**	**147,035**	**324,107**	**90,133**	**307,432**	**76,119**
Hinds	1,731,749	315,958	125,721	291,734	71,309	450,452	64,387
* Jackson	1,610,412	275,408	120,291	272,021	72,472	426,481	57,246
Madison	121,159	35,698	6,966	8,043	4,239	30,791	2,877
Rankin	215,716	64,133	14,348	24,330	14,585	26,189	8,855
SUBURBAN TOTAL	458,212	140,381	26,744	52,086	17,661	80,951	18,873
PASCAGOULA	**531,094**	**151,630**	**41,982**	**95,570**	**16,171**	**100,690**	**17,687**
Jackson	531,094	151,630	41,982	95,570	16,171	100,690	17,687
* Pascagoula	270,387	67,786	21,100	33,574	10,405	79,398	8,130
SUBURBAN TOTAL	260,707	83,844	20,882	61,996	5,766	21,292	9,557
OTHER COUNTIES							
Adams	280,606	50,747	15,837	47,919	10,270	84,672	10,436
Alcorn	165,890	38,204	12,320	19,153	4,865	36,100	6,565
Amite	27,509	9,478	1,281	1,600	770	6,813	802
Angola	63,116	14,407	3,013	10,642	4,374	11,311	3,426
Benton	7,994	3,920	590	222	447	1,174	193
Bolivar	152,659	38,561	6,922	18,802	6,925	33,981	6,315
Calhoun	39,995	12,231	1,559	4,213	1,711	7,832	1,180
Carroll	13,006	3,528	205		434	598	259
Chickasaw	71,893	18,886	1,989	7,124	9,736	17,352	2,935
Choctaw	16,594	5,631	530	1,346	697	3,536	943
Claiborne	22,175	8,541	899	1,387	760	1,943	1,032
Clarke	51,826	16,635	1,038	4,902	2,719	7,961	1,932
Clay	68,328	23,303	3,008	10,463	2,559	13,823	2,758
Coahoma	168,763	50,912	7,964	16,840	5,796	37,791	4,914
Copiah	73,320	19,827	2,575	6,962	2,852	19,703	4,062
Covington	44,271	10,641	880	2,937	1,187	11,742	2,128
De Soto	168,787	65,194	8,705	15,181	2,838	34,908	4,751
Forrest	519,324	103,270	41,801	89,004	29,290	116,161	17,907
Hattiesburg	438,312	70,438	38,665	68,018	27,373	106,463	14,009
Franklin	12,080	3,196	175	571	758	3,142	1,338
George	49,021	17,927	2,590	7,538	714	10,690	1,428
Greene	10,738	3,128	339	361	714	2,656	1,104
Grenada	141,880	24,583	6,672	17,622	2,978	59,262	3,253
Holmes	73,111	35,109	1,498	3,264	1,231	11,916	3,031
Humphreys	44,521	15,761	1,714	2,697	2,717	8,212	1,481
Issaquena	772	772					
Itawamba	47,226	12,500	1,852	6,972	1,460	13,745	1,481
Jasper	39,181	10,252	1,375	2,393	898	11,908	1,841
Jefferson	10,578	3,218	240	761	131	2,239	739
Jefferson Davis	29,986	9,910	1,073	3,762	363	6,157	460
Jones	329,935	68,443	20,389	49,777	20,688	79,088	14,720
Kemper	17,318	- 5,778	552	1,241	438	2,294	460
Lafayette	102,220	26,169	7,573	11,054	3,501	19,634	3,458
Lamar	46,712	17,176	1,028	8,005	288	8,235	2,449
Lauderdale	462,597	90,380	33,567	75,366	20,227	112,437	21,038
Meridian	424,001	81,604	29,304	74,227	19,304	110,312	20,551
Lawrence	33,680	9,902	978	673	1,578	11,096	2,208
Leake	57,031	13,041	1,835	12,177	1,963	12,807	2,883
Lee	461,673	84,321	21,266	73,232	17,282	119,930	13,170
Leflore	190,291	47,120	15,475	26,355	10,930	39,630	6,101
Lincoln	154,715	34,590	6,253	21,324	4,999	38,009	9,129
Lowndes	231,940	83,729	19,338	42,815	17,884	60,982	10,269
Marion	104,339	36,833	4,653	12,691	3,866	17,019	4,415
Marshall	60,388	18,269	2,518	9,295	967	11,103	1,983
Monroe	115,031	31,327	4,684	18,479	4,243	30,007	5,647
Montgomery	41,092	13,464	1,271	7,792	1,437	6,886	1,775
Neshoba	90,914	26,755	3,249	15,136	1,475	17,223	2,881
Newton	60,351	19,651	1,885	4,574	1,366	18,515	1,416
Noxubee	27,823	11,620	194	2,567	1,682	3,916	2,325
Oktibbeha	133,429	32,204	10,375	15,638	6,282	27,561	3,617
Panola	95,908	27,569	3,818	12,472	2,709	26,318	4,198
Pearl River	132,576	31,196	8,294	15,147	6,488	36,217	8,878
Perry	23,917	13,243	374	3,326	545	1,861	845
Pike	190,114	40,022	17,075	21,102	11,027	41,093	9,976
Pontotoc	51,921	20,687	2,234	7,262	1,715	5,365	1,726
Prentiss	66,817	20,509	3,432	7,148	1,809	18,951	2,828
Quitman	38,004	13,956	1,114	6,034	1,095	5,438	1,403
Scott	93,188	25,571	4,578	11,136	3,564	22,950	3,730
Sharkey	21,386	8,465	785	2,064	185	3,616	554
Simpson	76,822	21,443	3,700	10,332	1,657	20,431	4,055
Smith	32,534	10,353	499	1,344	503	10,011	765
Stone	35,438	8,326	1,928	1,408	469	9,759	1,599
Sunflower	98,287	28,069	4,419	13,866	1,892	23,338	3,666
Tallahatchie	31,058	10,323	936	3,697	977	6,551	2,210
Tate	97,254	31,828	6,898	10,469	897	27,087	1,517
Tippah	71,580	20,512	2,212	9,409	2,802	17,434	2,151
Tishomingo	53,215	20,476	1,378	8,287	3,522	6,748	1,969
Tunica	28,661	5,511	1,479	4,830	774	6,986	1,627
Union	70,724	15,280	4,636	11,935	3,041	10,937	2,396
Walthall	32,224	6,472	1,311	3,955	855	10,087	1,238
Warren	251,382	68,539	20,562	38,856	8,261	52,346	10,440
Washington	335,934	73,179	17,656	65,779	15,791	75,184	9,864
Greenville	289,453	57,046	16,791	63,784	13,123	67,428	8,117
Wayne	62,497	18,735	2,538	5,542	4,259	10,260	2,751
Webster	28,466	7,141	841	2,294	1,136	7,466	1,249
Wilkinson	22,290	8,666	701	3,094	792	3,273	984
Winston	53,385	13,485	1,501	6,686	3,091	13,802	3,258
Yalobusha	38,603	12,499	2,139	4,597	2,050	5,613	1,257
Yazoo	91,798	28,728	3,484	9,201	3,212	17,671	3,996
TOTAL METRO COUNTIES	**3,779,870**	**843,072**	**307,535**	**597,560**	**146,927**	**894,055**	**136,397**
TOTAL STATE	**11,093,694**	**2,708,907**	**704,789**	**1,594,502**	**450,547**	**2,565,642**	**421,658**

Sales Indicated by Sales Tax Collections During July, 1985, By County

SOURCE: State Tax Commission

County	Total Sales Tax Collections	Indicated Sales
Adams	1,881	34,664
Alcorn	999	18,325
Amite	185	4,023
Attala	475	8,713
Benton	71	1,271
Bolivar	1,094	19,971
Calhoun	301	5,773
Carroll	122	2,363
Chickasaw	388	7,666
Choctaw	114	2,148
Claiborne	165	3,450
Clarke	244	4,703
Clay	515	9,783
Coahoma	1,082	20,114
Copiah	478	9,115
Covington	618	10,985
Desoto	1,386	25,852
Forrest	2,971	55,592
Franklin	122	2,287
George	274	4,981
Greene	112	2,115
Grenada	621	11,860
Hancock	751	13,775
Harrison	6,644	124,850
Hinds	13,479	256,704
Holmes	385	7,143
Humphreys	319	6,137
Issaquena	13	370
Itawamba	261	4,990
Jackson	3,127	61,510
Jasper	380	7,392
Jefferson	63	1,148
Jeff Davis	251	4,847
Jones	2,782	50,819
Kemper	120	2,158
Lafayette	787	14,200
Lamar	495	9,338
Lauderdale	3,290	62,080
Lawrence	224	5,466
Leake	412	7,841
Lee	3,177	63,681
Leflore	1,438	27,007
Lincoln	1,062	19,744
Lowndes	2,291	43,033
Madison	1,592	29,635
Marion	827	14,495
Marshall	502	10,122
Monroe	876	17,358
Montgomery	287	5,278
Neshoba	570	10,785
Newton	424	7,916
Noxubee	201	3,763
Oktibbeha	872	16,549
Panola	790	15,554
Pearl River	853	15,894
Perry	146	2,590
Pike	1,455	27,921
Pontotoc	369	6,875
Prentiss	500	9,921
Quitman	172	3,270
Rankin	2,747	54,987
Scott	622	11,624
Sharkey	165	3,062
Simpson	549	10,216
Smith	191	3,816
Stone	240	4,328
Sunflower	770	14,800
Tallahatchie	278	5,229
Tate	454	8,674
Tippah	430	8,171
Tishomingo	798	24,379
Tunica	190	3,616
Union	534	9,915
Walthall	250	4,892
Warren	1,768	33,786
Washington	2,467	45,808
Wayne	550	10,005
Webster	180	3,338
Wilkinson	228	4,567
Winston	517	10,749
Yalobusha	264	5,062
Yazoo	759	17,247
State Total	84,037	1,627,408

STATE ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	August 1985[1]	July 1985[2]	August 1984[2]	%Change One Month Ago[3]	%Change One Year Ago[3]
EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS[4]					
Total Employment	1,015,300	1,010,700	957,300	0.4	6.1
Non-Ag Employment	834,500	837,400	815,400	—2.9	19.1
Mining	9,000	9,000	9,200	—	—0.2
Contract Construction	42,100	41,700	40,000	0.4	2.1
Manufacturing	220,500	218,200	220,500	2.3	—
Transportation and Public Utilities	39,900	39,900	39,200	—	0.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	186,000	185,700	177,500	0.3	8.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	35,400	35,300	34,500	0.1	0.9
Service	124,700	126,900	121,800	—2.2	2.9
Government	47,800	47,800	46,300	—	1.5
Unemployment Rate (Per Cent Labor Force)	10.7	10.5	11.2	—	—
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Dollars)	291.20	281.71	281.35	3.4	3.5
Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Dollars)	7.19	7.15	6.93	0.6	3.8
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing	40.5	39.4	40.6	2.8	—0.2
PETROLEUM PRODUCTION					
Production of Crude Petroleum (bbls.)[5]	2,488	2,618	2,653	—5.0	—6.2
Gasoline Delivered to Dealers (gals.)[6]					
PUBLIC UTILITIES					
Sales of Electricity (000's KWH)[7]	*2,404,718	**2,281,416	*2,365,362	5.4	1.7
RETAIL SALES ($000's)[8]					

[1]Preliminary

[2]Revised

[3]Percent change calculated with revised figures; not comparable with previously published data.

[4]Mississippi Employment Security Commission

[5]State Oil and Gas Board for **April**.

[6]Mississippi Motor Vehicle Comptroller

[7]Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Power and Light Company, Tennessee Valley Authority. *For July. **For June.

[8]Mississippi State Tax Commission

GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS
COMPARING JULY 1, 1985 - AUGUST 31, 1985
WITH JULY 1, 1984 - AUGUST 31, 1984

	August 1985	August 1984	7/1/85 to 8/31/85	7/1/84 to 8/31/84	Increase or Decrease over Prior Year	
					Amount	Percent
Sales Tax	$56,165,905[1]	$50,751,803	$112,661,668[1]	$103,607,694	$9,053,974	8.74
Use & Wholesale Compensating Tax	7,647,380[2]	6,616,593	15,277,630[2]	13,255,768	2,021,862	15.25
Individual Income Tax	20,622,929	16,593,996	45,663,423	31,303,030	14,360,393	45.88
Corporate Tax	3,179,757	4,773,909	7,593,564	12,107,865	(4,514,301)	(37.28)
Tobacco Tax	4,389,103	2,807,506	8,577,783	5,181,615	3,396,168	65.54
ABC Division	2,293,279	2,006,089	3,546,214	4,385,169	(838,955)	(19.13)
Beer & Wine Tax	2,431,848	2,254,698	4,335,157	4,475,290	(140,133)	(3.13)
Oil Severance Tax	3,820,021	5,076,057	7,233,559	8,193,407	(959,848)	(11.71)
Estate Tax	748,822	1,093,229	1,479,360	1,880,460	(401,100)	(21.33)
Statewide Privilege Tax	1,366	1,648	12,132	2,006	10,126	—
Installment Loan Tax	9,657	7,700	440,547	435,632	4,915	1.13
Gas Severance Tax	1,606,523	2,291,150	3,114,642	4,394,431	(1,279,789)	(29.12)
Insurance Premium Tax	9,109,652	11,210,989	13,443,539	12,456,342	987,197	7.93
Auto Tag Fees	486,015	270,577	807,520	576,104	231,416	40.17
Auto Privilege Tax	212,459	174,714	452,621	359,215	93,406	26.00
Title Fees	121,258	98,478	214,950	216,655	(1,705)	(0.79)
Petroleum Tax	523,680	355,948	1,018,277	782,365	235,912	30.15
Admission Tax	36,168	17,440	66,297	40,434	25,863	63.96
Slot Vending Tax	5,791	3,484	8,339	11,093	(2,754)	24.83)
Pulpwood Scaling Fees	4,759	8,568	9,344	18,468	(9,124)	(49.40)
Fire Marshal Fees	29,043	2,255	29,043	2,610	26,433	—
Freeport Warehouse Tax	10	—	20	10	10	100.00
Aircraft Registration Fees	337	6	539	261	278	106.51
Casual Auto Sales	123,236	—	197,198	—	197,198	—
Int. on Direct Deposits	4,031	37,469	7,129	80,959	(73,830)	(91.19)
Tax Commission Transfers to Gen. Fund	$113,573,031	$106,454,306	$226,190,492	203,766,882	$22,423,610	11.00
Tax Comm. Special Fund Transfers	41,296,233	41,531,427	99,992,994	109,821,072	(9,828,078)	(8.95)
Tax Commission Total Transfers	$154,869,264	$147,985,733	$326,183,486	$313,587,954	12,595,532	$4.02

[1] 2% Discount allowed and not included - $ 670,372
[2] 2% Discount allowed and not included - $ 43,178
[3] 2% Discount allowed and not included - $1,370,767
[4] 2% Discount allowed and not included - $ 101,310

BUSINESS ACTIVITY BY CITY

	City Sales Tax Collections			Building Permits		
	Current Month August	Per Cent Month	Change Over Year	Current Month August	Month Ago	Year Ago
Aberdeen	55,350	—6.9	—2.4	56,980	370,080	169,700
Baldwyn	27,077	—0.6	14.0	88,200	—	—
Batesville	84,551	4.9	10.0	344,800	126,005	128,949
Bay Springs	33,565	24.3	22.7	—	—	—
Bay St. Louis	68,366	7.8	22.6	—	—	81,700
Belmont	9,426	—14.6	—12.2	—	—	—
Belzoni	32,945	—24.3	—6.6	—	11,000	10,000
Biloxi	449,525	6.9	13.2	564,353	1,974,747	1,344,185
Brandon	60,266	—1.7	45.3	660,700	556,000	520,200
Brookhaven	161,315	3.7	17.4	310,075	297,535	108,250
Brooksville	3,699	—9.2	22.8	—	—	—
Canton	85,502	5.0	—4.5	—	—	—
Carthage	61,240	5.2	13.6	64,000	253,300	91,000
Charleston	24,348	—7.0	22.1	—	—	—
Clarksdale	163,110	—5.3	2.6	—	199,200	866,700
Cleveland	136,879	2.6	14.2	1,285	2,112	—
Collins	41,645	—0.1	—18.0	—	—	—
Columbia	127,273	11.2	8.8	6,500	—	—
Columbus	328,773	—0.1	6.8	335,066	3,585,765	559,814
Corinth	157,675	—5.4	11.3	159,864	303,757	251,300
Crystal Springs	28,383	—4.7	—6.0	43,255	165,000	628,000
Drew	12,806	—28.3	—2.2	—	—	3,000
Edwards	4,398	—4.8	—34.7	36,705	—	44,100
Ellisville	18,316	—24.4	36.2	—	—	—
Eupora	21,100	—10.0	6.2	—	—	—
Fayette	15,516	11.0	37.6	—	—	—
Forest	69,781	—9.3	1.1	—	—	1,547,000
Greenville	353,496	3.6	16.1	—	—	313,697
Greenwood	205,892	1.4	4.2	—	—	74,100
Grenada	126,137	—2.8	4.8	199,955	53,450	128,614
Gulfport	400,009	4.0	11.2	2,267,311	3,508,857	1,131,343
Hattiesburg	505,510	—	6.5	—	—	1,250,469
Hernando	34,543	1.9	4.4	565,300	256,840	403,800
Hollandale	16,086	—12.1	—5.1	—	—	79,300
Holly Springs	60,702	9.9	15.1	139,500	437,500	680,500
Houston	46,542	—13.8	11.7	—	201,000	150,000
Indianola	89,103	5.5	15.0	—	—	—
Iuka	33,682	—10.6	3.9	—	—	—
Jackson	2,043,258	3.9	3.1	16,591,077	13,331,181	8,138,537
Kosciusko	79,617	8.3	34.4	—	221,125	—
Laurel	392,120	2.0	18.6	391,289	651,075	2,543,421
Leland	26,584	—21.0	15.3	—	—	—
Lexington	26,828	6.3	16.2	—	—	—
Louisville	78,165	6.5	33.1	361,222	545,490	207,150
Lucedale	38,884	—12.3	—7.8	561,600	357,900	100,000
Lumberton	11,442	—6.5	—4.1	—	—	—
Macon	19,988	—4.8	6.9	—	—	—
Magee	62,679	—4.0	6.5	—	—	—
Magnolia	12,625	4.5	0.4	15,300	97,800	40,500
Marks	17,757	—22.0	—14.7	—	—	—
McComb	180,488	0.7	10.8	643,600	207,400	141,500
Meadville	6,142	8.4	4.6	—	—	—
Mendenhall	26,907	—2.3	9.2	5,000	30,000	—
Meridian	489,407	—5.8	—2.7	1,021,855	516,318	665,512
Monticello	24,346	—1.8	—4.1	63,800	—	34,400
Morton	24,868	—8.4	5.6	—	—	—
Moss Point	73,955	—9.3	16.3	1,968,291	229,890	111,006
Natchez	286,183	0.4	—4.7	223,200	470,500	328,130
New Albany	91,522	22.4	23.2	258,857	177,824	3,699,672
Newton	31,514	—12.7	2.8	43,500	145,000	16,200
Ocean Springs	98,932	—0.7	—3.6	—	—	—
Okolona	17,763	—6.7	5.0	60,085	60,250	4,000
Oxford	126,000	2.1	9.3	597,232	1,242,175	368,150
Pascagoula	234,718	—4.5	—0.7	—	—	—

BUSINESS ACTIVITY BY CITY

	City Sales Tax Collections			Building Permits		
	Current Month August	Percent Change Month Ago	Percent One Year Ago	Current Month August	Month Ago	Year Ago
Pass Christian	17,491	—12.0	—12.6	—	350,410	—
Philadelphia	83,621	—2.8	1.3	—	—	—
Picayune	115,067	—3.8	5.3	259,000	197,000	797,000
Pontotoc	54,050	—9.2	14.3	—	—	8,400
Poplarville	20,716	—22.9	9.1	—	—	—
Port Gibson	16,533	—9.7	2.3	—	—	—
Prentiss	30,120	—11.2	8.1	—	75,000	460,125
Quitman	32,213	4.7	8.4	—	—	—
Raymond	4,602	—22.2	—17.8	—	—	—
Richton	12,723	—16.8	10.1	36,000	120,920	2,500
Rosedale	11,559	6.8	23.7	—	—	—
Ruleville	14,681	—5.2	—1.3	—	—	—
Sardis	21,642	—3.0	—2.5	8,000	—	61,000
Senatobia	67,124	3.7	9.5	227,750	10,000	229,800
Shelby	12,387	—4.1	6.0	—	—	—
Starkville	137,793	4.9	13.5	3,151,000	1,111,500	1,523,972
Summit	18,461	26.9	25.3	—	—	—
Taylorsville	16,418	6.3	0.6	—	—	—
Tchula	4,540	—29.8	—14.5	—	—	—
Tunica	22,148	—11.6	10.5	—	—	—
Tupelo	424,605	—0.2	9.2	2,340,280	9,202,380	1,790,334
Union	20,633	42.3	42.9	—	—	—
Utica	11,126	—14.8	—0.1	—	—	—
Vicksburg	279,347	—1.3	9.4	621,500	485,675	716,478
Walnut Grove	3,272	64.6	289.1	—	—	—
Water Valley	29,770	1.6	2.0	—	—	—
Waynesboro	74,693	0.6	13.2	35,800	—	—
West Point	81,797	11.7	34.7	39,360	34,360	588,207
Wiggins	31,296	—7.0	9.3	110,000	35,000	—
Winona	43,301	—5.3	6.6	—	120,920	—
Yazoo City	102,167	—5.1	—21.1	—	—	—

STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

JACKSON (Hinds and Rankin Counties)	August 1985	July 1985	August 1984	Per Cent Change Month Ago	Per Cent Change Year Ago
MANPOWER DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	190,900	189,600	176,600	0.7	8.1
Unemployed Persons	13,700	13,500	13,100	1.5	4.6
Per Cent of Labor Force	7.2	7.1	7.4	—	—
Employed Persons	177,200	176,100	163,500	0.6	8.4
Non-Ag Wage & Salaries	151,700	151,000	139,200	0.5	9.0
Manufacturing	23,300	22,800	22,000	2.2	5.9
CITY SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	2,077,302	2,051,070	2,046,654	1.3	1.5

BILOXI-GULFPORT (Hancock, Harrison, and Stone Counties)	August 1985	July 1985	August 1984	Per Cent Change Month Ago	Per Cent Change Year Ago
MANPOWER DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	76,940	76,960	73,030	—0.0	5.4
Unemployed Persons	6,640	7,080	7,430	—6.2	—10.6
Per Cent of Labor Force	8.6	9.2	10.2	—	—
Employed Persons	70,300	69,880	65,600	0.6	7.2
Non-Ag Wage & Salaries	59,490	59,270	55,270	0.4	7.6
Manufacturing	10,350	10,140	9,840	2.1	5.2
CITY SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	867,025	825,092	776,832	5.1	11.6

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